

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and)
Ohio Power Company for Authority to) Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO
Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant) Case No. 11-348-EL-SSO
to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the)
Form of an Electric Security Plan.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and) Case No. 11-349-EL-AAM
Ohio Power Company for Approval of) Case No. 11-350-EL-AAM
Certain Accounting Authority.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (jointly, AEP-Ohio) are public utilities as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On January 27, 2011, AEP-Ohio filed an application for a standard service offer pursuant to Section 4928.141, Revised Code. The application is for an electric security plan in accordance with Section 4928.143, Revised Code.
- (3) By entry issued February 9, 2011, as revised by entries issued March 23, 2011, June 9, 2011, and July 8, 2011, a procedural schedule was established in these matters. In accordance with the procedural schedule, the deadline for filing Staff testimony is July 29, 2011.
- (4) On July 29, 2011, Staff filed a motion, pursuant to Rule 4901-1-13(A), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), for an extension of time for the filing of Staff testimony, as well as a request for expedited consideration. Specifically, Staff requests that the deadline for filing its testimony be extended to August 4, 2011.

In support of the motion, Staff notes that it has developed a settlement proposal that would resolve these cases and perhaps others that are pending before the Commission. Staff states

that additional time is necessary to determine whether settlement discussions are likely to be productive and to permit such discussions to progress. Staff submits that the filing of its testimony at this time would likely impede, rather than promote, settlement negotiations. Finally, Staff adds that all parties have been contacted regarding the motion.

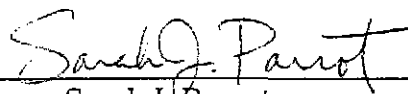
- (5) The attorney examiner finds that Rule 4901-1-12(F), O.A.C., permits the issuance of an expedited ruling on Staff's motion for an extension, without the filing of memoranda, as the issuance of an expedited ruling will not adversely affect a substantial right of any party. The attorney examiner further finds that Staff's motion is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, Staff testimony should be filed by August 4, 2011.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension of time for the filing of Staff testimony be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

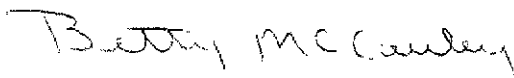
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